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Thanks

... to those parents who supported this week's school & zone cross countries.

... to those who have paid their term fees & school contributions.

People of the week

... every child who ran their heart out at our school cross country event this week .. and especially to those who achieved personal bests.

... Matarau 2 netball team, every team member awarded player of the day for last Saturday. Well done Tyla, Eva, Bella, Izzy, Ruby, Bradee Jayne & Taylor. And congratulations to the other team netball players - great season!

... Mikayla Langley, Savannah Armstrong and Natalie Redwood for some amazing writing this week. Well done!

Good Luck

... to our Regional Science Fair exhibitors. A reminder that boards need to be set up in the exhibition hall no later than 11:00am on Monday. Students receiving awards on Tuesday evening will be advised on Tuesday afternoon.

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

31 August	Year 7 and 8 Netball Tournament
31 August	Whangarei Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park)
5 September	Boostrix Vaccinations (Year 7 boys and girls)
7 September	Meeting to discuss Cambridge programme
12 September	Choir performance at Forum North
19 September	Year 7 and 8 Volley Ball Tournament
25 September	School Talent Show
27 September	Junior School Production
29 September	Final day for term 3 (16/10 ... First day term 4)

International Schools Competitions

Please return all the English and Mathematics practice papers & answer sheets to the office next week.

Cambridge Meeting / Year 7 & 8

A meeting is scheduled for 3.15pm next Thursday - 7th September at which we will run through our Cambridge programme, share our thoughts so far, possibly share some data, identify next steps & take questions. You might like to take this opportunity to learn more about this programme.

OOZ Applications / ballot for 2018

At this week's meeting the Board stipulated the number of places available at Matarau School at each level for 2018. In doing this the board was mindful of two things ...

... its desire to see the school remain at approximately its current size.

... our commitment to reserve spaces for siblings of current out of zone students where we are in a position to do so.

The number of out of zone places for 2018 will be publicly advertised in the Northern Advocate on 9 September, and will be available from the school office from this date forward.

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

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| ... term contributions | ... headlice inspections |
| ... Calendar art orders | ... School Annual Report available on our website |
| ... term 4 Out of Zone Applications | ... children not attending Matarau School in 2018 |

Cohort Policy

At its last meeting, and after careful consideration of feedback, the Board of Trustees has decided to implement a Cohort Enrolment Policy, effective from the start of the 2018 school year, as follows ...

... if a child's fifth birthday is prior to the mid-term date (somewhere around week 6 of term) they would have the option of starting at the beginning of the term in question.

... if a child's fifth birthday falls after the mid-term date, they would start on day one of the following term.

The cohort option gives parents the flexibility of starting their children a little earlier at school if they feel their child is ready for school, or holding them longer at pre-school if they are not quite ready. It also gives schools the opportunity to start a group of children at once, which has a number of logistical and resourcing advantages.

Service Virtue

Please keep working on this virtue at home. There are plenty of opportunities to serve at home, and to learn from doing so. Let us know of any shining examples please.

Central Northland Science and Technology Fair

Parents of children representing our school are asked to please return outstanding consent forms early next week. Any questions in the run up please to Mrs Donaldson.

WPSSA Cross Country Championship - Barge Park

If your child is year 4 or above and came in the top 6 at our School Cross Country they have qualified to compete at the InterSchool Cross Country at Barge Park on Thursday 31st August. Consents for this were sent home on Wednesday, please return to the office NO LATER than this Monday (28th September)

Home Gardens

Home Garden Expression of Interest forms were sent home this week for return by 1 September please. If your child did not bring a consent home and you would like your child/ren involved in this, these are available from the school office on request. Please contact Mrs Burgin with any questions.

Calendar orders

... these are due at the office no later than next Friday - 1st September please.

Library Closed for Stocktake

Our school library is closed for stocktake on September 12th, 13th & 14th. Please can parents have a really good search at home under beds etc and ensure all library books are returned before this date. Thank you.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 19 October 2017

If your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats it is probably a good idea to 'source' your animal in the next few weeks to enable sufficient time for training. The animal must be born after 1st July 2017. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats (depending on numbers) are judged on rearing, leading & calling. A booklet on how to prepare your lamb or calf for calf club day is available from the office.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. A pet booklet will be sent home with interested children nearer the end of term. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day. **Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health.**

Mrs Dorahy will go around classrooms in week 7 to collect names of children who are bringing animals & issue Pet Booklets (for animals other than calves, lambs &, depending on numbers, goats). Please contact the office if you have any queries about the day.

School Fees - Term Invoices/Statements

... were sent home last week with your child. Please arrange to make payments - in full or part at your earliest convenience. Regular direct credits are more than welcome if that suits your budget.

School Talent Show - 25 September 2017



Class auditions start very soon. Please encourage your children to share their talents with their classmates. This is an opportunity to showcase special talents that might otherwise go unnoticed. Any questions in the run-up to talent showcase to Mrs Walker please.

Junior Production - 27 & 28 September - Save the date!

Our junior school will be presenting a mini production combining our learning in the performing arts of dance, singing, instrumental and drama. The production is based on the fairy tale Pinocchio - Fairy tale Metamorphosis! We will be performing for the school and kindergarten on Wednesday 27th September at 11:30am and for parents and whanau on Thursday 28th September at 11:30am in week 10 of this term.



Art Scholarship



Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2017 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give Kevin a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

Finally

A final thank you to children, parents and staff for a fantastic school cross country event this week. It isn't all that common for practically every child in a school to give an event like this a go. We can't all be champions, but we saw many examples of children giving their all, cheering others, supporting co-competitors and generally just being good sports. Thank you also to Mr Schuster and his team for the many hours spent organising this event.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.

Monday & Friday Lunch update - still coming in the next week or 2, we will be announce an extended menu option which will include a wider range & some healthier options. Watch this space!!!

Community Notices



Recycling Old Mobile Phones It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the Office at School.

House cleaner still required 2-3 hours per week for general household cleaning work. Close to school. Please contact Louise on 0274 524 756 if you are interested.

Glow in the Dark Disco TONIGHT Purua School fundraiser, Friday 25th August, Purua Hall, for Ages 4-14 years only. \$2 entry (free glowstick). Ring Purua School for tickets 433 5841.

Wave Rave at Whangarei Aquatics Centre - Saturday 26th August - 6.30pm - 8.30pm; Children aged 8yrs - 16yrs; There will be Competitions and Games; Aqua Run; Hydroslide; Bombing Competitions; Wave Rave Sports; a DJ; Entry - \$8.00 - If you're planning on going to the Wave Rave please buy your tickets through Eve Finlayson (Susie and Rose's sister). Tickets bought through Eve will fundraise towards Collier Dev Hockey Team. NB we only make money from the tickets we pre sell and not for any tickets bought at the Aquatics Centre. Contact Eve's email: eviefinlayson@gmail.com or Eve's mum on 0274 525 398.

Whangarei Choral Society presents Gounod's The Solemn Mass of St Cecilia, with Whangarei Youth Music. Saturday 2nd Sept 2.30pm. Morris & Morris Chapel, 199 Kamo Road. Tickets/Programmes at the door. Adults \$20; Under 17 \$10.

Sophie Sparrow & Friends – Masters audition concert tour fundraising concert with Maia Vegar, Juan Kim, & Kawiti Waetford. 7pm Friday 29 September Forum North. Tickets sold at the Quarry Arts Centre in Selwyn Ave, Whangarei, \$25 Adults & \$15 child/student.

Matarau Cross Country - Just some of our amazing runners enjoying the day!

